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COMMUNITY OUTREACH EFFORTS

June 2007

June 7, 2007 — Indiana Summit Equity and Education

The summit provided an opportunity for educators and those in related fields to recognize how disproportionality affects students and ones performance in the school setting. It presented ideas and approaches for school systems to better prepare their staff on how to become more culturally in tune with the diverse cultural practices of their students. No concrete evidence or best practices were discussed in order to reduce disproportionality within the school settings but dialogue and discussion was engulfed with theories that may be included in a plan to attempt to achieve equity for all students. ICJI staff acted as a resource for additional information and made schools aware of various funding opportunities provided by the agency.

June 13, 2007— Indiana Disproportionality Committee—Large Committee Meeting

The meeting primarily focused on identifying persons for the newly established Disproportionality Commission. These recommendations are to be statewide and representatives should have a great depth of knowledge and awareness of the issue. The meeting also discussed the function of the committee during and after the Commission's existence. All committee members were charged with identifying other persons and organizations that are currently not involved with the Committee but would be a great asset in order to secure and increase community participation.

June 15, 2007— Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI)

JDAI is moving forward seeing success in its intake assessment which reduced the number of overall youth in the center to the low 90's. The disproportionality committee is attempting to best see what results need to be produced based on the data received and gathered by Dr. Jarjora. ICJI staff also recommended that Dr. Skiba present information recently analyzed from the QUEST database to paint a more comprehensive picture of the extent of disproportionality and at what points is it occurring the most frequently.

June 27, 2007 — State of Our Black Youth, Indianapolis Committee

The Indianapolis Committee worked on finalizing its postcard for the Indiana Black Expo. Skits were provided to all members present at the meeting and feedback is expected. Video taping will resume after the Indiana Black Expo Summer Celebration to be held in late July.

Upcoming Events and Meetings

July 6, 2007: JDAI—DMC Sub-Committee @ 25th and Keystone at 1pm
July 12, 2007: Meeting with Russ Skiba about Title II Grant Analysis Findings
July 13, 2007: Meeting with Judge Gaither about Juvenile Judges Symposium Presentation
July 15, 2007: IDC Research Sub-Committee @ CBI (Alabama Street) at 1:30 pm
July 15, 2007: Juvenile Judges Slide Presentation Meeting @ CBI at 3pm
July 16, 2007: Juvenile Justice State Advisory Group @ Conference Room 1—Indiana Government Center at 1pm
July 16, 2007: Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention DMC Conference Call at 2:30pm
July 20-22, 2007: Indiana Black Expo
July 24, 2007: IDC Public Policy and Community Awareness Sub-Committee Meeting @ ICJI at 10am
July 25, 2007: SOBY Meeting @ Wishard at 10am
July 26, 2007: Juvenile Judges Symposium @ North Hilton—All day Event

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